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SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Sir, my information is that the life of the award given by the general court of inquiry will expire very soon, and that requests have been put forward by responsible national organizations like the Indian National Trade Union Congress to extend the life of the award, so that it may be implemented before its expiry? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The award could not be enforced due to a High Court decision involving general province-wide reference. However, the life of that award was extended by one year from 14th June 1949 by the Industrial Disputes Amending Act, 1949; so it has been extended up to 14th June 1950. Even now certain transport companies in the West Coast have again challenged the validity of this award and the matter is pending before the High Court. If before the High Court decides it, the time expires we will have to give a further extension of time."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the dispute in the six motor companies is finally settled? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No, the matter pending before the High Court will apply also to these companies, because the principle involved is the same."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how long will it take for the Government to tackle this problem; and how are they tackling the problem? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We got powers after the passing of the Act in 1949, and the House has given extension of time for the implementation of the award for one year from 14th June 1949; and we are taking steps to implement the award."

Poet-Laureate in Hindustani.

* 20 *Q.*—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Poet-Laureate in the Hindustani language has been appointed by the Government;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name of the gentleman who has been so appointed; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether the Government have considered the desirability of appointing one?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) No. The Government decided to appoint Poet-Laureates only in the four South Indian languages and in Sanskrit.

" (*b*) Nil.

" (*c*) The Government do not think it necessary to appoint one in the Hindustani language."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I inquire, Sir, whether a poet laureate in English will be appointed? " (Laughter.)

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No, Sir."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, the definition of the term 'Poet Laureate'?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I cannot give a definition of 'Poet Laureate' now. But what is commonly understood as poet laureate in England is meant here also. The idea is to encourage good poets."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it because the study of English is not to be recognized here?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We have not given up the study of English, but we need not encourage English language, which will be done by Englishmen."

MRS. M. HENSMAN :—" May I inquire, Sir, whether any of our poet laureates have produced poems to suit the occasion of the Republic Day, or Telugu New Year's Day or Tamil New Year's Day or of days when we celebrate national events in a year?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Our idea is not to compel eminent poets to write poetry. Our idea is to recognize poets of their merit."

MRS. M. HENSMAN :—" That is not the English idea."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I quite agree."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of creating poet laureates in all the languages to which we are accustomed in this part of the Union?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" All the languages that we are accustomed to are the four languages of the Province and Sanskrit. Hindūstani is being spoken by a small minority in this Province, and we may leave it to some other state to have a poet laureate in Hindustani, where the mother-tongue of the population is Hindustani."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Does the Hon. Minister deny that he is not accustomed to English language?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The lanugage to which we are accustomed is not English language. We are accustomed to English language by force of necessity, not because of the love of the language, which alone can be said to make us accustomed to a language."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Why not the Government make a virtue of necessity?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Because there is already one in England."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Cannot we have a poet laureate in Indian English?" (Laughter.)

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is a contradiction in terms."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" Is it the idea of Government to replace English by Hindi that they do not want to have a poet laureate in English? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I would refer my hon. Friend to our Constitution Act."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have our poet laureates composed songs of praises of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We do not want songs of praises of the Government. What the poet laureates have sung must be very well-known to those who are conversant with their respective languages? "

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are there poets among Ministers? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is none among Ministers. None among them at any rate, have been awarded poet laureateship."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the vacancy of Telugu poet laureateship has been filled? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The committee which originally made the choice has been asked to choose another person for that vacancy."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the importance given to Hindustani in the constitution and the place it will occupy in the future of our country, will the Government think of creating a poet laureate in Hindustani, so that proficiency in that language may be encouraged in our State? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Instead of having a poet laureate in that language in Madras, it would be appropriate to award a prize for proficiency in that language in order to encourage study of Hindustani."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government do what is appropriate then? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That is a different question."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Now that Hindustani is being spoken by a substantial section of the population of this Province, may I inquire whether it is not desirable to have a poet laureate in Hindustani here? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not know what the hon. Member means by the word ' substantial '. If he means number, it is only a very small number that speak that language. Even the hon. Members mother-tongue is Tamil and not Hindustani."

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JANAB K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM :—" It is because I want justice to be done to Hindustani I want a poet laureate for that language."

Amount granted by way of relief to the cyclone-affected areas.

* 21 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount granted by the Government for relief in the cyclone-affected areas; and

(*b*) whether the amount has been distributed properly and in time?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue) :—

		RS.
" (*a*)	Visakhapatnam	1,50,000
	East Godavari	3,50,000
	West Godavari	5,26,000
	Krishna	5,39,000
	Guntur	90,000
	Total ...	16,55,000

" (*b*) Yes."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether there had been further demands from the districts for further relief? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is a further demand for relief for a lakh of rupees from Guntur, and it will be considered on merits."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what the amount is that has been subscribed to the Governor's Relief Fund? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I do not know, Sir. I want notice."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government propose to give any interest-free loans towards relief; and may I know whether such loans are included in the relief already given? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Relief so far given is of the nature of grants. If any application is received for interest-free loan it will be considered."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if any application for interest-free loan recommended by the Collector of West Godavari has been received by the Government so far? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Notice."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Have the Government made a rule that Hon. Mr. Madhava Menon should answer all questions in this House? " (Laughter.)